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Filing your 2002 Indiana Return doesn't have to be Taxing with I-File

Governor O'Bannon today encouraged Indiana taxpayers to *save time, get faster refunds, and conserve taxpayer resources* by joining the 56,000+ Hoosiers who filed their taxes last year with the state's electronic tax filing system, I-File (www.i-file.in.gov/).

I-File allows Indiana taxpayers to file any state IT-40, IT-40EZ, IT-40PNR, or IT-40RNR tax form online. Users of the online tax filing system enjoy the following benefits:

- **Convenience.** I-File users can prepare and file taxes from any Internet-connected computer at any time of the day or night. Users are also given unique session numbers, which allow them to exit and re-enter the system so they can complete their tax forms at their convenience;
- **Reduced Filing Errors.** Built-in logic helps prevent simple math errors and omissions of essential information;
- **Filing/Payment Confirmation.** Users receive confirmation numbers, which ensure returns are received by the state;
- **Quicker Tax Refunds.** Tax refunds are received within a matter of days, rather than weeks or months;
- **Electronic and Mail-in Filing Options.** Individuals filing a tax form online can file and submit the form electronically *or* complete the return online, then print and mail a 2-D barcode containing all taxpayer information to the Indiana Department of Revenue (IDOR) so it can be scanned directly into the IDOR computer system;

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- **Returns through Direct Deposit or Check.** Individuals expecting a tax refund can specify whether they prefer refunds via direct deposit or check;
- **No Additional Charges for Online Filing.** Taxpayers can file their taxes online with I-File at no additional cost;
- **Payment Choices.** For an additional charge, taxpayers may submit payments online using American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa credit card or an electronic check (eCheck, which has only a \$1.00 fee) ; or they can choose to print and mail their filing information along with their check. and
- **Secure Transactions.** The state uses a secure Web server to protect your personal information.

New to I-File is the ability to accept electronic check (eCheck) payments. eCheck provides taxpayers with the ability to remit payment by entering their valid checking account and routing number, thus debiting his/her checking account. The transaction works similar to a debit card transaction, providing people who do not have credit cards the opportunity to pay their taxes online.

“The state of Indiana is trying to make it even easier for Hoosiers to go *online* to do business with the state,” stated Laura Larimer, Chief Information Officer for the State of Indiana. “We hope the enhanced I-File service will encourage even more Hoosiers to file their taxes online this year.”

Electronic tax filing options are more convenient for taxpayers, yet provide significant savings to the Department of Revenue in time and paperwork. This ultimately translates into even greater benefits to taxpayers.

“This past tax season the Department of Revenue saved \$1.6 million on individual income tax filings,” stated Ken Miller, Department of Revenue Commissioner, who championed the effort to make Indiana one of the first states to offer online filings in 1999.” Miller also noted that I-File, 2-D barcodes, electronic fed-state filing, Telefile, and online payment options have all contributed to increased efficiencies and responsiveness to taxpayers.

“I-File also helps the state save money,” commented Governor Frank O’Bannon. “And in these times of budget shortfalls, it is more important than ever that we use our tax dollars more efficiently. I-File is just one of the many ways the state is stretching tax dollars further.”

To join the thousands of Hoosiers who will use I-File in the coming months to file their 2002 income taxes, visit www.I-File.IN.gov for more information about this service.

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